PLA Model

The PLA education model has several unique elements that drive strong growth for our partners and scholars. Rigorous curriculum; high quality professional development; a coaching cycle that develops teachers; enrichment opportunities for scholars; and authentic partnerships with parents and communities are just a few strong success drivers.

Our model has a proven track-record of helping children achieve remarkable success. Our goal is for our partner schools to significantly outperform their host districts after two years of partnering with us, and outperform the state average after five years of working together.

PLA Highlights

- Transformed multiple failing schools into A-rated schools
- Achieved highest IREAD scores in Indiana for two consecutive years (2015, 2016)
- Increased scholars’ passing rates on state ELA and Math tests by 11% in just one year – the highest standardized test growth for all schools in Central Indiana in 2015-16
- In 2016-17, two PLA schools ranked #4 and #5 in the district for strongest growth (with 8.2% and 8.1% increases in state test score proficiency growth respectively)
- Doubled scholar proficiency rates in our first year in Detroit (2017-18).

At A Glance

- A non-profit network founded in 2013
- Currently serves over 10,000 scholars at 22 schools across the country
- Our model is specifically designed to raise the achievement of historically underserved students by providing a rigorous, personalized, and well-rounded educational experience for all students
- Successfully transformed six F-rated schools into A-rated schools

PLA Scholars

The success of PLA scholars can be attributed to the comprehensive, high quality services that PLA provides to its school partners and scholars. While some educational management organizations only offer human resources and accounting support, PLA is a nonprofit that supports its partners in the following ways:

- Educational program (i.e., research-based curriculum, pacing guides, and assessments)
- Pre-service professional development and an on-going coaching cycle for teachers (e.g., PLA University)
- Human resources
- Communications and marketing support
- On-site quality assurance monitoring and support
- Behavior and classroom management systems
- Parental engagement framework
Empowered PLA scholars in grades K-6 to gain an average of 1.3 years of annual growth toward grade-level proficiency on the 2017-18 math STAR end-of-year assessment.

In 2017-2018, Latino scholars at PLA schools exceeded the district average by 28% on the Math state assessments, and by 33% in ELA.

Scholars who are English Language Learners at PLA schools perform 21% higher than the district average, and 8% higher than the state average.

Accelerated progress towards grade-level proficiency with 72% of scholars in our network showing standard to high annual growth on the state test.

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